



General Assembly

February Session, 2002

Raised Bill No. 78

LCO No. 541

Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING COMPANION ANIMAL HEALTH
CERTIFICATES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22-354 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2002*):

3 Any dog or cat imported into this state shall be accompanied by a
4 certificate of health issued within thirty days of the date of importation
5 by a licensed, graduate veterinarian stating that such dog or cat is free
6 from symptoms of any infectious, contagious or communicable
7 disease, and that such dog or cat, if three months of age or older, is
8 currently vaccinated for rabies by a licensed veterinarian. A copy of
9 such health certificate shall be forwarded promptly to the
10 commissioner from the livestock sanitary official of the state of origin.
11 Any dog or cat originating from a rabies quarantine area must have
12 permission of the State Veterinarian prior to importation into this state.
13 No person, firm or corporation shall import or export for the purposes
14 of sale or offering for sale any dog or cat under the age of eight weeks
15 unless such dog or cat is transported with its dam and no person, firm
16 or corporation shall sell within the state any dog or cat under the age

17 of eight weeks. Any person, firm or corporation violating the
18 provisions of this section or bringing any dog or cat into this state from
19 an area under quarantine for rabies shall be fined not more than one
20 hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days or both.

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| This act shall take effect as follows: | |
| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2002</i> |

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Statement of Purpose:

To ensure that imported companion animal health certificates are current.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]